## RULE-MAKING PROPOSALS TO BE ACTED UPON IN 2006

**REGION** A

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Adams Pond** 

Bridgton Cumberland Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3396 ACTION TAKEN:

S-13; April 1 to June 20: S-6; then S-4. Children12 years of age and under may fish under S-4.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Children12 years of age and under may fish under S-4.

PURPOSE remove youth exception to special regulations

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-13; April 1 to June 20: S-6; then S-4.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Androscoggin River, Little

Oxford, Minot, Poland, Auburn, Androscoggin Open Water IFW

etcetera.

WATERCODE: 086023 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Androscoggin River, Little, Oxford, Minot, Poland, Auburn, etcetera. From Route 26 Bridge in Oxford to confluence with Androscoggin River: April 1 - August 15: S-19, From August 16 - October 31: S-6, daily bag lmit on trout: 1 fish...

MODIFICATIONS: Delete: S-8, S-6 (no wild trt). Add: minimum length on trout is 6 inches (no gen law length limits after September). Replace: existing dates with "Open to

fishing from April 1 to October 31"

PURPOSE simplification of regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS Androscoggin River, Little, Oxford, Minot, Poland, Auburn, etcetera. From Route 26 Bridge in Oxford to confluence with Androscoggin River: open to

fishing from April 1 to October 31, S-19, minimum length on trout is 6 inches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Basin Brook (The Basin)** 

Auburn Androscoggin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0071 ACTION TAKEN:

general law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: Add: Basin Brook, Auburn. From The Basin Pond Dam to Auburn Lake, S-19.

PURPOSE Create a brook trout bag limit in this stocked tributary consistent with Auburn Lake. Change brook name to reduce confusion between the impoundment

and the inlet/outlet

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Basin Brook, Auburn. From The Basin Pond Dam to Auburn Lake, S-19.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Billy Brook** 

Brownfield Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 03204501 ACTION TAKEN:

Billy Brook, Brownfield. From confluence with Shepard's River upstream to first bridge, fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: S-19

**PURPOSE** apply standard youth-only regs

**FINAL REGULATIONS**Billy Brook, Brownfield. From the confluence with the Shepard's River upstream to first bridge, fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age, S-19.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Coffin Pond** 

Brunswick Cumberland Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0541 ACTION TAKEN:

Coffin Pond, Brunswick. Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age. No minimum size limit for salmon, trout, and togue. S-11, S13.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: "No minimum size limit for salmon, trout, and togue. S-11" and Add: "S-19".

**PURPOSE** apply standardized youth regs on existing youth-only water

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Coffin Pond, Brunswick. Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age. S-13, S-19.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Ell (L) Pond

Wells, et cetera York Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0119 ACTION TAKEN:

Ell (L) Pond, Wells, et cetera. From April 1 through June 20: S-6. From June 21 to September 30: S-4. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: From April 1 through June 20: S-6. From June 21 to September 30: (don't delete S-4). Add; April 1 - November 30, S-13.

PURPOSE remove unnecessary special regulations, increase harvest of illegally stocked bass

FINAL REGULATIONS Ell (L) Pond, Wells, et cetera. April 1 - November 30: S-4, S-13. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Jaybird Pond** 

Hiram, Porter Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: ACTION TAKEN:

Jaybird Pond, Hiram, Porter. S-6, S-23. Minimum length on trout: 12 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: "Minimum length on trout: 12 inches.". Add: S-17.

**PURPOSE** Convert to standard BKT regs (RBT study over).

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Jaybird Pond, Hiram, Porter. S-6, S-17, S-23.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Keoka Lake

Waterford Oxford Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 3416 ACTION TAKEN:

Keoka Lake, Waterford. B, S-5

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: S-22 (1 salmon daily bag) (approved under peer review)

PURPOSE Manage smelt for forage + look and line, limit salmon harvest

FINAL REGULATIONS Keoka Lake, Waterford. B, S-5, S-22.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Keoka Lake

Waterford Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3416 ACTION TAKEN:

Keoka Pond, Waterford. S-23

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change "pond" to "lake". Add: S-2, S-3, S-22 (approved under peer review)

**PURPOSE** Manage smelt for forage + hook and line, limit salmon harvest

FINAL REGULATIONS Keoka Lake, Waterford. S-3, S-2, S-22, S-23.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Lily Pond** 

New Gloucester Cumberland Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3702 ACTION TAKEN:

Lily Pond, New Gloucester. S-4, S-13, S-21, S-23. (Exception: Black bass may be taken during the extended season.) Motorboats prohibited.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: S-23, S-21. Reword/reorganize text.

PURPOSE Convert to standard TRT regs (RBT study is over). Continue to allow fall fishing, but under general law, which will permit harvest of crappie during the

extended fishing season

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-4, S-13 (Bass may also be taken during the extended season). Motorboats prohibited.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Long Pond** 

Denmark Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Long Pond and tributaries, Denmark. Opens May 15: S-2, S-3, S-6, S-23. Minimum length limit on trout: 12 inches. Closed to fishing from a point at the mouth of brook at head end of pond to point 150 feet down the pond; points to be plainly marked. Motorboats over 6 horse-power prohibited.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: "Minimum length limit on trout: 12 inches." Add: S-17.

PURPOSE Convert to standard TRT regs (RBT study over)

**FINAL REGULATIONS**Long Pond and tributaries, Denmark. Opens May 15: S-2, S-3, S-6, S-17, S-23. Closed to fishing from a point at the mouth of brook at head end of pond to point 150 feet down the pond; points to be plainly marked. Motorboats over 6 horse-power prohibited.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Merriland River** 

Wells York Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS

Merriland River, Kennebunk. From the northbound lane bridge of the Maine Turnpike to the upstream side of the Route 1 bridge - From April 1-August 15: S-6, S-19, S-21. From August 16 to October 31: S-6; Total daily bag limit for salmon, trout, and togue: 1 fish.

MODIFICATIONS: Delete: S-21,"Total daily bag limit for salmon, trout, and togue: 1 fish". Add: minimum length on trout is 6 inches (no gen law length limits in Oct).

Replace: existing dates with "Open to fishing from April 1 to October 31".

**PURPOSE** Convert to standard TRT categories, simplification

FINAL REGULATIONS Merriland River, Kennebunk. From the northbound lane bridge of the Maine Turnpike to the upstream side of the Route 1 bridge - open to fishing from

April 1- October 31: S-6, S-19, minimum length on trout is 6 inches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Mousam River** 

Acton York Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS

Mousam River, Kennebunk. From the Dam at Mousam Lake downstream to Route 1: S-23. From Route 1 to Tidewater: Open to year-round open water fishing: S-6, S-8, S-21. Minimum length limit on brown trout and rainbow trout: 14 inches.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: S-6 (no wild trt), S-8, S-21. Add: DMR tidewater regs, "From Acton to.."

**PURPOSE** Convert to standard TRT categories, consistency with DMR regs, clarification.

FINAL REGULATIONS

Mousam River, From Acton to Kennebunk.

- From the Dam at Mousam Lake downstream to the dam immediately upstream of Route 1: S-23.
- From the dam immediately upstream of Route 1 to tidewater: open to fishing from January 1 December 31. Daily bag limit on trout: 5, all 5 may be brook trout, but only 2 may be brown trout and 2 may be rainbow trout. Minimum length on brook trout is 6 inches, minimum length limit on brown trout and rainbow trout is 14 inches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

No Name Pond

Lewiston Androscoggin Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 3802 ACTION TAKEN:

No Name Pond, Lewiston. A

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change to Class B.

PURPOSE Delay opportunity to ice fish until January 1st on this stocked pond

FINAL REGULATIONS No Name Pond, Lewiston. B

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**COUNTY SOURCE** WATER **TOWNSHIP SEASON HEARING** 

**Ogunquit River** 

**Open Water** Wells York IFW

WATERCODE: **ACTION TAKEN:** 

**CURRENT** REGULATIONS Ogunquit River, Wells. From the northbound lane bridge of the Maine Turnpike to the upstream side of the Route 1 bridge: From April 1 to August 15: S-6, S-19, S-21; From August 16 to October 31: S-6, S-21; Total daily bag limit on salmon, trout and togue: 1 fish.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: S-21, "Total daily bag limit for salmon, trout, and togue: 1 fish". Add: minimum length on trout is 6 inches (no gen law length limits in Oct).

Replace: existing dates with "Open to fishing from April 1 to October 31".

**PURPOSE** Convert to standard TRT categories, simplification

FINAL REGULATIONS Ogunquit River, Wells. From the northbound lane bridge of the Maine Turnpike to the upstream side of the Route 1 bridge: open to fishing from April 1

to October 31: S-6, S-19, minimum length on trout is 6 inches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Ossipee River

Porter, Hiram, Parsonsfield, Oxford and Open Water IFW

**Cornish** York

WATERCODE: 032030 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS

Ossipee River, Porter, Hiram (Oxford County), Parsonsfield, Cornish (York County). From Warren's Bridge upstream to first Dam: Artificial lures only; daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish. Closed to all fishing is that portion of the Ossipee River between red markers placed approximately 100 yards upstream and 100 yards down stream from the confluence of Wedgewood (Pendexter) Brook and also including Wedgewood Brook (Pendexter) Brook upstream to Route 25.

**MODIFICATIONS:** 

Replace: "daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish" with S-19 (2 trout limit), name "first dam", replace "Artificial lures only" text with S-6. Remove special reg for Wedgewood Brook and simply reference listing for Wedgewood Brook.

**PURPOSE** 

Increase use opportunity, reorganize/rename for clarification

FINAL REGULATIONS

Ossipee River, Porter, Hiram (Oxford County), Parsonsfield, Cornish (York County): General law applies, except as noted below.

From Kezar Fall's Dam (Porter/Parsonsfield) to Warren's Bridge (Cornish): S-6, S-19.

That portion of the Ossipee River between the red markers located approximately 100 yards upstream and 100 yards downstream from the confluence of Wedgewood (Pendexter) Brook: Closed to all fishing.

See listing for Wedgewood (Pendexter) Brook.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Overset Pond** 

Greenwood Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS

Overset Pond, Greenwood. S-1, S-3, S-23. Minimum length limit on trout: 12 inches. Fly casting and fly trolling only with single-hooked flies or tandem hooked flies. Closed to the taking of bait.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: "Minimum length limit on trout: 12 inches." Add: S-17.

PURPOSE Convert to standard TRT regs (RBT study over).

FINAL REGULATIONS

Overset Pond, Greenwood. S-1, S-3, S-17, S-23. Fly casting and fly trolling only with single-hooked flies or tandem hooked flies. Closed to the taking of bait.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Owl Pond

Casco Cumberland Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 3386 ACTION TAKEN:

General law, closed until January 1

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: Open per class A

PURPOSE increase angling opportunity where stocking has been suspended

FINAL REGULATIONS Owl Pond, Casco. A

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Peabody Pond** 

Naples and Sebago Cumberland Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 3374 ACTION TAKEN:

Peabody Pond, Naples and Sebago. B, S-14, Closed to taking of brook trout and salmon.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Replace: open per class "B" with "C" (Closed)

PURPOSE Reduce salmon mortality...already closed to taking salmon, but salmon are being targeted

FINAL REGULATIONS Peabody Pond, Naples and Sebago. C.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Round Pond** 

Lyman York Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 5038 ACTION TAKEN:

Round Pond, Lyman. C

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change to Class B. Add: Youth-only provisions (S code?)

**PURPOSE** Open to youth-only fishing, apply standard youth-only regs

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Round Pond, Lyman. B. Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age. S-8, S-19.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Royal River** 

Yarmouth Cumberland Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 046 ACTION TAKEN:

Royal River, From Elm Street downstream to tidewater, Yarmouth. Open to open water fishing January 1 - December 31. S-6, S-19, S-21.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete S-21 & S-6 (no wild fish). Add: minimum length on trout is 6 inches (no general law limits after September 30th). Reorganize text.

**PURPOSE** Convert to standard TRT categories, simplification

**FINAL REGULATIONS**Royal River, Yarmouth. From Elm Street downstream to tidewater: open to fishing from January 1 - December 31. Minimum length on trout is 6 inches, S-19.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Saco River

Fryeburg to Saco York Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT

REGULATIONS

Saco River: From Fryeburg to Saco. S-19. From October 1 - March 31: S-6, daily bag limit of trout: 1 fish. From October 1 - December 31, Catch and release bass, and from January 1 - March 31, daily bag on bass: 1 fish. Danger: The area south of the Upper York Dam (West Channel), in Saco and Biddeford is subject to sudden fluctuations in water level due to automated operation of dam gates. Fishermen are advised to use caution because of the

danger of rapidly rising water levels. Bank fishing only is recommended.

MODIFICATIONS: Add: "Open to fishing from January 1 to December 31", minimum length on trout is 6 inches (no gen law length limits after September). Delete: S-6 (no

wild trt).

PURPOSE clarification/simplification

FINAL REGULATIONS Saco River: From Fryeburg to Saco: open to fishing from January 1 - December 31. S-19, minimum length on trout is 6 inches.

From January 1 - March 31, daily bag on bass: 1 fish. From October 1 - December 31, Catch and release for bass.

Caution: Rapidly rising water levels associated with river dam operations could pose a danger to fishermen.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**South Pond** 

Greenwood Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3622 ACTION TAKEN:

South Pond, Greenwood. S-3, S-23.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** add: close areas in the lake within 100 feet of tributaries.

PURPOSE Protect tributary-spawning smelt

**FINAL REGULATIONS** South Pond, Greenwood. S-3, S-23. Those areas in the lake within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributaries are closed to the taking of smelts.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Spicer Pond** 

Newfield, Shapleigh York Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3906 ACTION TAKEN:

S-6. Opens May 1. Closed to the taking of live bait. Motorboats prohibited. Children 12 years of age and under may fish under the S-4 special regulation.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Children 12 years of age and under may fish under the S-4 special regulation.

**PURPOSE** remove youth exception to special regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS S-6. Opens May 1. Closed to the taking of live bait. Motorboats prohibited.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Belgrade Stream** 

Mt. Vernon, Belgrade Kennebec Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 09303807 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Belgrade Stream. Belgrade Stream from Wings Mills Dam on the outlet of Long Pond in Mt. Vernon to the confluence of the stream with Messalonskee Lake in Belgrade: Minimum length limit on northern pike: 24 inches; Daily bag limit on northern pike: 2 fish. S - 24.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Minimum length limit on northern pike: 24 inches; Daily bag limit on northern pike: 2 fish.

**PURPOSE** Provide for no size or bag restrictions on the harvest of northern pike.

FINAL REGULATIONS

Belgrade Stream, Mt. Vernon, Belgrade. From Wings Mills Dam on the outlet of Long Pond in Mt. Vernon to the confluence of the stream with Messalonskee Lake in Belgrade: S - 24

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Chickawaukie Lake

Rockport, Rockland Knox Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4822 ACTION TAKEN:

Chickawaukie Lake, Rockport, etcetera.. S - 2, S - 3

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: S - 2

**PURPOSE** Conform with SLT policy, currently open to commercial.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Chickawaukie Lake, Rockport, Rockland. S - 3.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Desert Pond** 

Mt. Vernon Kennebec Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 5265 ACTION TAKEN:

Desert Pond and tributary and and outlet to barrier dam, Mt. Vernon. S - 4.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: S - 13

**PURPOSE** Provide no size or bag restrictions on the harvest of bass.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Desert Pond and tributary and and outlet to barrier dam, Mt. Vernon. S - 4, S - 13.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Ducktrap River** 

Belmont, Lincolnville Waldo Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 188 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS

Ducktrap River, from Tilden Pond to tidewater, S - 5, S - 12. Daily limit on brook trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit on brook trout: 10 inches. Maximum length on landlocked salmon: 25 inches. River open until October 15 from the confluence of Black Brook to tidewater.

MODIFICATIONS: Remove: Daily limit on brook trout: fish:2: minimum length limit on brook trout: 10 inches.

Add: S - 17

**PURPOSE** BKT rule simplification.

FINAL REGULATIONS

Ducktrap River, from Tilden Pond to tidewater, S - 5, S - 12, S - 17. Maximum length on landlocked salmon: 25 inches. River open until October 15 from

the confluence of Black Brook to tidewater.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Gould Pond** 

Sidney Kennebec Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 5290 ACTION TAKEN:

Gould Pond, Sidney. S - 1, S - 13.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: S - 1

**PURPOSE** Provide opportunity for SLTangling.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Gould Pond, Sidney. S - 13.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Great Pond** 

Belgrade and Rome Kennebec Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 5274 ACTION TAKEN:

Great Pond, Belgrade and Rome. S - 2, S - 3. Daily bag limit on northern pike: 2 fish; minimum length limit on northern pike: 24 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove: Daily bag limit on northern pike: 2 fish; minimum length limit on northern pike: 24 inches.

**PURPOSE** Provide no size or bag restrictions on harvest of pike.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Great Pond, Blegrade and Rome. S - 2, S- 3.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Great Pond** 

Belgrade, Rome Kennebec Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 5274 ACTION TAKEN:

Great Pond, Belgrade, Rome. B. S - 6. Minimum length on northern pike: 24 inches; daily bag limit on northern pike: 2 fish.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Minimum length on northern pike: 24 inches; daily bag limit on northern pike: 2 fish.

**PURPOSE** Provide for no size or bag restrictions on the harvest of northern pike.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Great Pond, Belgrade, Rome. B. S - 6.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Little Pond** 

Rome Kennebec Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 5350 ACTION TAKEN:

Little Pond, Rome. Minimum length limit on northern pike: 24 inches; daily bag limit on northern pike: 1 fish.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Minimum length limnit on northern pike: 24 inches; daily bag limit on northern pike: 1 fish;

**PURPOSE** Provide no size or bag restrictions on the harvest of northern pike.

FINAL REGULATIONS Little Pond - reverts to General Law

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Little Pond** 

Rome Kennebec Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 5350 ACTION TAKEN:

Little Pond, Rome. A. S - 6. Minimum length on northern pike: 24 inches, daily bag limit on northern pike: 1 fish.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Minimum length on northern pike: 24 inches, daily bag limit on northern pike: 1 fish.

**PURPOSE** Provide for no size or bag restrictions on the harvest of northern pike.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Little Pond, Rome. A. S - 6.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Long Pond** 

Rome, Belgrade, Mt. Vernon Kennebec Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 5272 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT

REGULATIONS

Long Pond, Rome, Belgrade and Mt. Vernon. B. Open per group B, including Ingham Stream to Ingham Pond, Stoney Brook Deadwater to Stony Brook, Lost Pond (so called), and Belgrade Stream to Wings Mills Dam. Open to fishing for all fish except salmon, trout and bass. All salmon, trout and bass must be released immediately without removal from the water. No size or bag limit on pike, walleye and black crappie. This regulation is repealed effective

March 31, 2006

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Open per group B,

Delete: This regulation is repealed effective March 31, 2006

**PURPOSE** Make experimental regulation permanent.

FINAL REGULATIONS

Long Pond, Rome, Belgrade and Mt. Vernon. B, including Ingham Stream to Ingham Pond, Stoney Brook Deadwater to Stoney Brook, Lost Pond (so called), and Belgrade Stream to Wings Mills Dam. Open to fishing for all fish except salmon, trout and bass. All salmon, trout and bass must be released immediately without removal from the water.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Messalonskee Lake

Oakland, etcetera. Kennebec Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 5280 ACTION TAKEN:

Messalonskee Lake, Oakland, etcetera. Daily bag limit on northern pike: 2 fish; minimum length limnit on northern pike: 24 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Daily bag limit on northern pike: 2 fish; minimum length limnit on northern pike: 24 inches.

**PURPOSE** Provide no size or bag restrictions on the harvest of northern pike.

FINAL REGULATIONS

Messalonskee Lake - reverts to General Law

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Messalonskee Lake

Belgrade, Oakland, Sidney Kennebec Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 5280 ACTION TAKEN:

Messalonskee Lake, Belgrade, Oakland, Sidney. B. S - 14, S - 6. Minimum length on northern pike: 24 inches; daily bag limit on northern pike: 2 fish.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** D:elete: Minimum length on northern pike: 24 inches; daily bag limit on northern pike: 2 fish.

**PURPOSE** Provide for no size or bag restrictions on the harvest of northern pike.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Messalonskee Lake, Belgrade, Oakland, Sidney. B. S - 6, S - 14.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Messalonskee Stream

Oakland, Waterville Kennebec Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 093038 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS

Messalonskee Stream, Oakland, Waterville. From the outlet of Messalonskee Lake to the Union Gas Dam: S - 19, S - 24. Below Union Gas Dam to its confluence with the Kennebec River, open January 1 to December 31. Single-hooked artificial lures only from April 1 - June 30. Daily bag limit on salmon, trout and togue: 1 fish; mimimum length limit on rainbow trout and brown trout: 16 inches. Maximum length limit on salmon and brown trout: 25 inches.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add S - 19, S - 22 to section below Union Gas Dam.

PURPOSE BKT Rule Simplification.

FINAL REGULATIONS

Messalonskee Stream, Oakland, Waterville. From the outlet of Messalonskee Lake to Union Gas Dam: S - 19, S - 24. Below Union Gas Dam to its confluence with the Kennebec River, open January 1 to December 31; S- 19, S - 22. Single hooked artificial lures only from April 1 to June 30; minimum length limit on salmon, rainbow trout and brown trout: 16inches. Maximum length on salmon and brown trout: 25 inches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Mill Stream(Torsey Pond

Outlet) Readfield Kennebec Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 093011120403 ACTION TAKEN:

Mill Stream (Torsey Pond Outlet), Readfield. S - 19

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: S - 19

**PURPOSE** Allow County- wide special regulation instead of S- Code.

FINAL REGULATIONS Mill Stream (Torsey Pond Outlet) - reverts to General Law

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Minnehonk Lake** 

Mt. Vernon Kennebec Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 5812 ACTION TAKEN:

Minnehonk Lake, Mt. Vernon. S - 3, S - 11, S - 16. Minimum length on togue 12 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: S - 11

PURPOSE Remove S --11

FINAL REGULATIONS Minnehonk Lake, Mt. Vernon. S - 3, S - 16. Minimum length on togue 12 inches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**North Pond** 

Rome, Smithfield and Mercer Kennebec and Ice Fishing IFW

**Somerset** 

WATERCODE: 5344 ACTION TAKEN:

North Pond, Rome and Smithfield (also Somerset County). A. S - 6. Minimum length limit on northern pike: 24 inches; daily bag limit on northern pike: 1

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Minimum length limit on northern pike: 24 inches; daily bag limit on northern pike: 1 fish.

**PURPOSE** Provide for no size or bag restrictions on the harvest of northern pike.

fish.

FINAL REGULATIONS North Pond, Rome and Smithfield (also Somerset County). A. S - 6.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**North Pond** 

Rome, Smithfield, Mercer Kennebec and Open Water IFW

**Somerset** 

WATERCODE: 5344 ACTION TAKEN:

North Pond, Rome, Smithfield and Mercer. Daily bag limit on northern pike: 1 fish - minimum length of 24 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Daily bag limit on northern pike: 1 fish - minimum length of 24 inches.

**PURPOSE** Provide no size or bag restrictions on the harvest of northern pike.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** North Pond - reverts to General Law.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Sebasticook River** 

Hartland to Winslow Somerset, Open Water IFW

Waldo, Kennebec

WATERCODE: 093040 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT** 

Sebasticook River, from Great Moose Pond Dam, Hartland, to the Fort Halifax Dam, Winslow: S - 19. From August 16 to October 31: S - 6; total daily bag limit on salmon, trout and togue: 1 fish. EXCEPTION: From Fort Halifax Dam in Winslow to its confluence with the Kennebec River: Open to open

**REGULATIONS** water fishing from January 1 -December 31: single hooked artificial lures only; daily limit on salmon, rainbow trout and brown trout: 1 fish; minimum

length limit on salmon, rainbow and brown trout: 16 inches.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: S -22 to Great Moose - Fort Halifax section.

Add: S - 19, S - 22 to Ft. Halifax to Kennebec River segment regulation.

**PURPOSE** Conform to BKT rule simplification.

FINAL REGULATIONS

Sebasticook River, from Great Moose Pond Dam, Hartland, to the Fort Halifax Dam in Winslow: S - 19. From August 16 - October 31: S - 6, S - 22. From the Fort Halifax Dam in Winslow, to its confluence with the Kennebec River: Open to open water fishing from January 1 to December 31: single hooked artificial lures only; S - 19, S - 22; minimum length limit on salmon, rainbow and brown trout: 16 inches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Sheepscot Lake** 

Palermo Waldo Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4896 ACTION TAKEN:

Sheepscot Lake, Palermo. Open April 1 to September 30: S - 10, S - 11, S - 18, S - 22. Minimum length on l;andlocked salmon is 16 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: S - 11, S - 18

**PURPOSE** Allow County-wide special regulation instead of S - Code. Remove S - 11 code.

FINAL REGULATIONS Sheepscot Lake, Palermo. Open April 1 to September 30: S - 10, S - 22. Minimum length on landlocked salmon is 16 inches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Sheepscot River, West Branch** 

Palermo, China, Windsor Waldo, Open Water IFW

Kennebec

WATERCODE: 107014 ACTION TAKEN:

Sheepscot River, West Branch: from Branch Pond to the confluence with the main stem, S - 12. Daily bag limit on trout (includes splake): 2 fish, minimum

**CURRENT** length limit: 8 inches. Maximum length on brown trout: 25 inches. **REGULATIONS** 

MODIFICATIONS: Remove: Daily bag limit on trout (includes splake): 2 fish, minimum length limit 8 inches.

Add: S - 19.

**PURPOSE** BKT rule simplification

FINAL REGULATIONS Sheepscot River, West Branch: from Branch Pond to the confluence with the main stem, S - 12, S - 19. Maximum length on brown trout: 25 inches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Silver Lake (Figure 8 Pond)

Manchester, Sidney Kennebec Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 5294 ACTION TAKEN:

Silver Lake (Figure 8 Pond), Manchester, Sidney. S - 1, S - 13.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: S - 1.

**PURPOSE** Provide opportunity for SLT angling.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Silver Lake (Figure 8 Pond), Manchester, Sidney. S - 13.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Anderson Pond** 

T10SD Hancock Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 4426 ACTION TAKEN:

General law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add S-19(daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish)

**PURPOSE** Distribute catch over the season and among anglers

FINAL REGULATIONS S-19

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Anderson Pond** 

T10SD Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4426 ACTION TAKEN:

General law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add S-19(daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish)

**PURPOSE** Distribute catch over the season and among anglers.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-19

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Big Lake

TWP 21, T27ED, etc. Washington Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 1288 ACTION TAKEN:

S-15 (from April 1-June 20, daily bag limit on bass: 2 fish; all bass longer than 12 inches must be released; from June 21-September 30: daily bag limit on

**CURRENT** bass: 2 fish between 10 and 12 inches except that 1 may exceed 16 inches)

**REGULATIONS** S-20 (daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish).

**MODIFICATIONS:** add S-23

PURPOSE provide additional fishing opportunity

FINAL REGULATIONS S-15

S-20

S-23

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Branch Lake** 

Ellsworth Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4328 ACTION TAKEN:

S-2, S-3, S-16. Minimum length limit on brown trout in the lake, tributaries, and outlet: 20 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** 

**PURPOSE** see ice fishing season

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-2(closed to the taking of smelts, except by hook and line)

S-3(tributaries closed to the taking of smelts)

S-16(daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 14 inches)

All brown trout must be released alive at once.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Branch Lake** 

Ellsworth Hancock Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 4328 ACTION TAKEN:

B, S-16. Minimum length limit on brown trout: 20 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** 

**PURPOSE** 

This valuable wild BNT population has continued to provide a modest fishery under a special 20-inch minimum length regulation. The choice of downgrading to the 18-inch minimum length or upgrading to catch and release is a fairly easy one. As I recall from scale reading many years ago, some females are 18-20 inches long before spawning for the first time. With this low-density population, it's imperative that ALL females are protected from harvest until they can spawn at least once. Branch is one of a handful of Maine waters which provides a viable fishery for 3-6 lb wild BNT. Accordingly, this fishery merits the highest level of protection in an effort to maintain/enhance it. Anglers who wish to keep a salmonid have ample opportunity to do so with the abundant wild LKT population, managed under general law.

## FINAL REGULATIONS

В

S-16(daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 14 inches). Closed to the taking of brown trout; all brown trout must be released immediately without removal from the water.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Crooked River and tributaries** 

T30MD Washington Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 373028 ACTION TAKEN:

From headwaters down to bridge at Champion 48-000 road: S-6, S-18

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: delete 8 inch minimum and replace non-standard regulations with 2-trout bag limit.

PURPOSE The current 8-in minimum length has failed to improve the proportion of legal size BKT in the fishery. Most angled BKT range in length from 6-8 inches;

accordingly, dropping back to a straight 2-fish daily bag limit is preferable. We wish to continue to manage this upper reach under restrictive regulations because it provides a cool water refugia in the summer, and contains very good spawning habitat. Our proposal brings an out-lier into conformance with

one of the standard regulations.

FINAL REGULATIONS

From headwaters down to bridge at Champion 48-000 road:

S-6(artificial lures only)

S-19(daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Echo Lake

Mount Desert, etc. Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4624 ACTION TAKEN:

S-16

**CURRENT** Fishing restricted to 1 line.

**REGULATIONS** Motorboats over 10 hp prohibited.

From Oct. 1-20: S-6; all fish caught must be released alive at once.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Replace Oct 1-20 season with S-23 and delete Fishing restricted to 1 line.

PURPOSE Regulation standardization and simplification

FINAL REGULATIONS S-16

Motorboats over 10 hp prohibited.

S-23

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Fitts Pond** 

Clifton Penobscot Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 4268 ACTION TAKEN:

В

CURRENT S-8

**REGULATIONS**Total daily bag limit on splake and brook trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit on splake and brook trout: 16 inches.

**MODIFICATIONS:** replace nonstandard 16-inch length limit with 18-inch.

PURPOSE upgrade current out-lier "16 in minimum length limit on SPK" to standard 18-in minimum length, 1 fish daily bag limit. This water has demonstrated the

ability to grow SPK up to 23 inches. It is one of our best waters for 2-3 lb SPK. A 2002 trap net sample captured 27 age II+ and III+ fish, of which

14(52%) exceeded 18 inches, and 4(15%) exceeded 19 inches. Mean K of age II+ SPK was 0.94 while that for age III+ fish was 0.87.

FINAL REGULATIONS

В

S-8 (restricted to two lines per person)

(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 18 inches)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Fitts Pond** 

Clifton Penobscot Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4268 ACTION TAKEN:

S-23

CURRENT REGULATIONS

Total daily bag limit on splake and brook trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit on splake and brook trout: 16 inches

**MODIFICATIONS:** replace non-standard 16-inch length limit with standard 18-inch length limit.

**PURPOSE** see ice fishing

FINAL REGULATIONS S-18 (daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 18 inches)

S-23 (From Oct. 1-31: artificial lures only; all fish caught must be released alive at once)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Hadlock Pond, Upper

Mount Desert Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4612 ACTION TAKEN:

S-6, S-16, S-23. Tributaries closed to all fishing. Children 12 years of age and under may fish under S-4. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Children 12 years of age and under may fish under S-4.

PURPOSE remove youth exception to special regulations

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-6, S-16, S-23. Tributaries closed to all fishing. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Heart Pond** 

Orland Hancock Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 4338 ACTION TAKEN:

B,S-8, Minimum length limit on splake, lake trout, and brook trout: 16 inches. Total daily bag limit on spalke, lake trout, and brook trout: 1 fish.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: delete "fishing restricted to 1 line" and replace same with "..2 lines"; replace nonstandard 16-inch length limit to standard 18-inch.

**PURPOSE**Upgrade current 16-inch minimum length out-lier to standard 18-inch minimum length, 1 fish daily bag limit. This pond has demonstrated the ability to

grow some 18-20 inch SPK. A 2002 trap net sample captured 29 age II+ SPK and 15 age III+ fish; 15(34%) exceeded 18 inches and 10(23%) exceeded 19 inches. Mean K of age II+ SPK was 0.86 while that for age III+ fish was 0.84. If approved, stocking rate will be reduced to foster an improved growth rate.

This proposal dovetails nicely with the 18 inch general law minimum length limit on the small wild LKT population.

FINAL REGULATIONS B

S-8(restricted to two lines per person)

(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 18 inches)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Heart Pond** 

Orland Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4338 ACTION TAKEN:

fishing restricted to 1 line

CURRENT REGULATIONS

Total daily bag limit on splake, brook trout, and lake trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit on spalke, brook trout, and lake trout: 16 inches

**MODIFICATIONS:** change standard 16-inch length limit with 18-inch length limit.

**PURPOSE** see ice fishing. Delete out-lier "Fishing restricted to one line".

FINAL REGULATIONS S-18(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 18 inches)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Jacob Buck Pond** 

Bucksport Hancock Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 4322 ACTION TAKEN:

В

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-16

**MODIFICATIONS:** 

**PURPOSE** 

Angler use in both seasons has substantially increased following construction of our new public boat launch in spring, 2003. We have received complaints about very poor fishing for SPK larger than 16 inches. The pond routinely produced fish of this size along with some 18-20 inchers, 4-5 years ago. In response, we check-netted last summer and captured 8 SPK: however, all were young fish. In addition to four age I+'s, four age II+'s were sampled with mean L=14.5 inches, mean W= 15 oz., and mean K=0.83. Our 2006 winter creel survey reveals decent fishing for age II SPK, but poor fishing for older fish. Harvested age II's average 13.3 inches and 12 oz. In an effort to improve carry-over to older ages, we propose the standard 14 inch minimum length, one fish daily bag limit. The increased minimum length should protect ~ 75-85% of the age II's from harvest during the winter. It will also afford protection into a portion of the open water season. Further, the one fish limit may help improve carry-over as anglers are likely to release some of the 14-15

FINAL REGULATIONS

В

S-21(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Jacob Buck Pond** 

Bucksport Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4322 ACTION TAKEN:

replace S-16 (12-inch minimum length, 2 fish bag limit, only 1>14 inches) with S-21(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches)

S-16 S-23

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** 

**PURPOSE** see ice fishing

FINAL REGULATIONS S-21(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches)

S-23(From Oct.1-31; artificial lures only; all fish caught must be released alive at once)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

King Pond and tributaries

Great Pond Plantation Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4600 ACTION TAKEN:

S-1, S-6, S-21. Minimum length limit on brown trout: 20 inches

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change 20-inch length limit on brown trout to 18-inches.

PURPOSE Change present out-lier 20-inch minimum length limit on BNT to conforming 18-inch minimum length on BNT, 1-fish daily bag limit on BNT. This water

has been producing a modest fishery for 3-6 pounders, and should continue to do so with just a 2-inch reduction in the minimum length.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-1(closed to the taking of smelts)

S-6(artificial lures only)

S-18(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish, minimum length limit: 18 inches).

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Lily Pond

Deer Isle Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 5550 ACTION TAKEN:

S-19

CURRENT S-23

REGULATIONS S

**MODIFICATIONS:** delete S-19 and go to general law bag limit

**PURPOSE** Brook trout fishery largely put and take because of summer habitat deficiences.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-23(From Oct.1-31; artificial lures only; all fish caught must be released alive at once)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Long Pond** 

Aurora, Great Pond Twp. Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4598 ACTION TAKEN:

S-1,S-6, S-21, minimum length limit on brown trout: 20 inches

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: replace minimum length limit on brown trout: 20 inches with S-21(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish, minimum length limit: 14 inches)

**PURPOSE** Delete the out-lier "minimum length limit on BNT: 20-in" and stay with the current S-21 which is fine because BNT are rarely caught here.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-1(closed to the taking of smelts)

S-6(artificial lures only)

S-21(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish, minimum length limit: 14 inches)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Lower Patten Pond** 

Surry, Ellsworth Hancock Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 4344 ACTION TAKEN:

B, S-12, Minimum length limit on brown trout: 20 inches

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: replace Minimum length limit on brown trout: 20 inches with "All brown trout caught must be released alive at once."

**PURPOSE** Wild BNT are hanging on by a thread here. The modest fishery of 20 years ago has declined due to a preponderance of hot, dry summers and illegal

introductions of SMB and LMB. The hot summers have resulted in reduced flows in the small tribs and greatly reduced production of YOY and parr compared to levels documented 20 years ago. The small numbers of parr moving down into the lake in the spring are preyed upon by actively feeding BSS prior to spawning. The last e'fishing sample on 9/17/03 captured 39 YOY(including perhaps 1-2 parr). With the highly favorable flows prevailing last fall, hopefully some successful spawning occurred. With this valuable, beleagured population "under the gun", it's imperative to upgrade the current

out-lier to the standard catch and release in an effort to enhance the population.

FINAL REGULATIONS

В

S-12(No size or bag limit on bass and pickerel)

All brown trout caught must be released alive at once

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Lower Patten Pond** 

Surry, Ellsworth Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4344 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS

S-2, S-3, S-12. From October 1-31: artificial lures only; all fish caught, except for bass and pickerel, must be released alive at once. Minimum length limit on brown trout in the lake, tributaries, and outlet: 20 inches.

MODIFICATIONS: replace Minimum length limit on brown trout in the lake, tributaries, and outlet: 20 inches with "All brown trout caught in the lake, tributaries, and outlet

must be released alive at once."

**PURPOSE** see ice fishing season

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-2(closed to the taking of smelts, except by hook and line)

S-3(tributaries closed to the taking of smelts)

S-12(No size or bag limit on bass and pickerel)

All brown trout caught in the lake, tributaries, and outlet must be released alive at once.

From October 1-31: artificial lures only; all fish caught, except for bass and pickerel, must be released alive at once.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Old Stream and tributaries

from Route 9 down to the Wesley, T31MD, T25MD Washington Open Water IFW

**Guptill Road** 

WATERCODE: 373015 ACTION TAKEN:

S-6, S-13, S-17.

**CURRENT** 

**REGULATIONS** From outlet of Second Old Stream Lake to Route 9 bridge, and from Guptill Road down to confluence with Machias River: S-13, S-14

MODIFICATIONS: replace S-17(2 trout daily bag limit, 10 inch minimum length limit, only 1>12-inches) to S-19(2 trout daily bag limit)

**PURPOSE**Because the special 10-in minimum length failed to increase the proportion of legal BKT in the fishery, we have opted to go a less restrictive regulation.

This proposal, while still maintaining the important ALO restriction, will allow anglers to keep 2 BKT> 6 -in. I expect most anglers will be supportive.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-6(artificial lures only)

S-13(No size or bag limit on bass) S-19(daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish)

From outlet of Second Old Stream Lake to Route 9 bridge, and from Guptill Road down to confluence with Machias River: S-13, S-14

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Phillips Lake** 

Dedham Hancock Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 4300 ACTION TAKEN:

S-8

CURRENT Salmon may be kept only in Feb. and March. Daily bag limit on salmon: 2 fish, only 1 of which may exceed 18 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 3 fish;

**REGULATIONS** minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Minimum length limit on brown trout: 20 inches.

MODIFICATIONS: replace non-standard 20-inch minimum length limit on wild BNTwith catch and release for BNT

PURPOSE As was the case at Lower Patten, the wild BNT population here persists, but barely. BNT spawn successfully in most years in Rowe's Brook, but even under

favorable flow conditions, relative abundance of juveniles (YOY and parr) is modest. A July, 1993 e'fishing sample captured 29 YOY and 7 parr. An August, 2002, e'fishing sample captured 2 YOY and 6 parr including a 7.9 incher, 9.0 incher, and 10.7 incher. Upgrading to catch and release rather than downgrading to an 18-in minimum is clearly the best alternative in an effort to maintain/enhance this population which has persisted for over 40 years.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-8(restricted to two lines per person)

Salmon may be kept only in Feb. and March. Daily bag limit on salmon: 2 fish, only 1 of which may exceed 18 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 3 fish;

minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. All brown trout caught must be released alive at once.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Phillips Lake and tributaries** 

Dedham Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4300 ACTION TAKEN:

S-23

CURRENT Daily bag limit on togue: 3 fish; minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on salmon: 2 fish, only 1 of which may exceed 18 inches.

**REGULATIONS** Minimum length limit on brown trout: 20 inches.

MODIFICATIONS: replace nonstandard 20-inch minimum length limit on BNT to catch and release.

**PURPOSE** see ice fishing

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-23(From October 1-31: artificial lures only; all fish caught must be released alive at once)

Daily bag limit on togue: 3 fish; minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on salmon: 2 fish, only 1 of which may exceed 18 inches.

All brown trout caught must be released alive at once.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Rift Pond and tributaries

Great Pond Plt. Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0477 ACTION TAKEN:

S-1, S-6, S-18, Minimum length limit on brown trout: 20 inches

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: replace nonstandard BNT minimum length limit with S-18 (daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish, minimum length limit: 18 inches).

**PURPOSE** Delete the out-lier "minimum length limit on brown trout: 20 inches"

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-1(closed to the taking of smelts)

S-6(artificial lures only)

S-18 (daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish, minimum length limit: 18 inches)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Rocky and Sunken Lakes** 

Whiting, Marion Washington Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 1368 ACTION TAKEN:

В

CURRENT S-15
REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: change S-15 to S-21(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches)

PURPOSE standardization

FINAL REGULATIONS

S-21(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Rocky and Sunken Lakes** 

Whiting, Marion Washington Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 1368 ACTION TAKEN:

S-17

CURRENT S-23
REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** replace S-17 to S-21(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches).

**PURPOSE** see ice fishing

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-21(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches)

S-23(From Oct. 1-31; artificial lures only; all fish caught must be released alive at once)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Second and Third Lake Old

Stream T37MD Washington Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 1134,1132 ACTION TAKEN:

S-23

CURRENT REGULATIONS

Minimum length limit on brook trout and splake: 16 inches; daily bag limit on brook trout and splake: 1 fish in the aggregate

MODIFICATIONS: replace 16-inch length limit with S-18(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 18 inches)

**PURPOSE** see ice fishing

FINAL REGULATIONS S-18(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 18 inches)

S-23(From Oct.1-31; artificial lures only; all fish caught must be released alive at once)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Second and Third Lake Old

Stream T37MD Washington Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 1134,1132 ACTION TAKEN:

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CURRENT REGULATIONS Daily bag limit on splake and brook trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit on splake and brook trout: 16 inches

**MODIFICATIONS:** replace 16-inch length limit with minimum length limit: 18 inches.

PURPOSE upgrade current "16-in minimum length on splake" out-lier to standard "daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 18 in". Second Lake Old

Stream provides a decent fishery for 16-18 inch splake while Third Lake(which receives migrants from the stocking in Second Lake) provides a limited fishery for 3-5 lb fish. To help achieve this large growth potential, we propose the higher minimum length limit in concert with a reduced stocking rate to

foster improved growth.

FINAL REGULATIONS

В

(daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 18 inches).

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**REGION** C

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Second Pond** 

Dedham Hancock Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0441 ACTION TAKEN:

General law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** replace 5 trout limit with S-19(daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish)

PURPOSE standardization

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-19(daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish)

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**REGION** C

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Second Pond** 

Dedham Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0441 ACTION TAKEN:

General law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** replace geberal law bag limit with S-19(daily bag liit on trout: 2 fish)

**PURPOSE** see ice fishing

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-19(daily bag liit on trout: 2 fish)

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**REGION** C

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Upper Flood Lake** 

Talmadge Washington Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 1092 ACTION TAKEN:

S-6

CURRENT S-8

**REGULATIONS** Minimum length limit on trout: 14 inches

Fishing restricted to 1 line

**MODIFICATIONS:** delete "fishing restricted to one line"

PURPOSE delete unnecessary "fishing restricted to one line"

FINAL REGULATIONS S-6

S-21 (daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Abbott Brook

Mexico Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 086076 ACTION TAKEN:

Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit.

PURPOSE Standardize regulation

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age. S-19

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Alder Stream and its** 

tributaries Jim Pond Township Franklin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0931053406 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS

From April 1 - August 15 all anglers are restricted to fly fishing only with a daily bag limit of 5 trout. From August 16 - September 30: All anglers are restricted to fly fishing only with a total bag limit of 1 fish on all waters.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Rewording using S-5 code.

PURPOSE Regulation standardization/simplification

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-5. From August 16 - September 30: S-5.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

All lakes and ponds in

Franklin County All Franklin Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: ACTION TAKEN:

EXCEPTIONS to general law: On lakes and ponds in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and York

CURRENT

Counties: The daily bag limit on brook trout is 2 fish.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add Franklin to list of counties with 2 brook trout bag limit.

PURPOSE Law book simplification

FINAL REGULATIONS EXCEPTIONS to general law: On lakes and ponds in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and

York Counties: The daily bag limit on brook trout is 2 fish.

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REGION D WATER **TOWNSHIP** COUNTY **SEASON SOURCE HEARING** All lakes and ponds in Franklin **Open Water** All **Franklin County** IFW WATERCODE: **ACTION TAKEN:** General Law, Special Regulations: Brook Trout (includes Splake): On lakes and ponds in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, **CURRENT** Oxford, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and York Counties, the daily bag limit is 2 fish and the minimum length limit is 8 inches. REGULATIONS **MODIFICATIONS:** Add Frankllin County to those counties with a 2-trout general law bag limit on lakes and ponds (56% of lakes and ponds have special 2-trout limit)... **PURPOSE** Lawbook simplification (many Franklin Co. waters are being reduced to 2-trout limits in association with increased stockings of catchable brook trout. FINAL REGULATIONS General Law, Special Regulations: Brook Trout (includes Splake): On lakes and ponds in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox,

Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and York Counties, the daily bag limit is 2 fish.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Androscoggin River

Gilead, etc, etc. Oxford, Open Water IFW

Androscoggin,

etc, etc.

WATERCODE: 086 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS

From the Maine-New Hampshire Border, Gilead downriver to Route 232 Bridge, Rumford Point: April 1-August 15: S-6, daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish, minimum length limit on salmon, rainbow trout, and brown trout: 12 inches. All trout between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. From

August 16-November 30: S-6; all trout, salmon, togue, and bass must be released alive at once.

Etc, etc. downriver to the head of tide.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete present language and replace with: (See Below).

PURPOSE apply regulations to provide for interstate (NH and ME) consistancy of regulations in a NEW river section. Standardization and simplification of

regulations.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Androscoggin River from the Maine-New Hampshire Border to tidewater: open to open water fishing from January 1 to December 31

From the Maine-New Hampshire border downriver to the bridge crossing in Gilead: Single hook artificial lures only; all fish caught must be released alive at once.

From the bridge crossing in Gilead to the Route 232 Bridge, Rumford Point: April 1-September 30: S-6; daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit on salmon, rainbow trout, and brown trout: 12 inches. All trout between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. From October 1-March 31: S-6; all trout and salmon must be released alive at once.

From the Route 232 Bridge, Rumford Point to tidewater: April 1-September 30: S-19; minimum length limit on salmon, rainbow trout and brown trout: 12 inches. October 1- March 31: S-6, all trout and salmon must be released alive at once.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Aunt Hannah Brook** 

Dixfield Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 08607204 ACTION TAKEN:

Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age from point where it crosses Route 142 to its mouth at Webb River.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit.

**PURPOSE** Standardize regulations.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age from point where it crosses Route 142 to its mouth at Webb River. S-19.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Baker Pond** 

Solon Somerset Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0062 ACTION TAKEN:

Open per Group B

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: Impose 2 trout limit

**PURPOSE** Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute catchable stocked tbrook rout among anglers

FINAL REGULATIONS B, S-19

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Baker Pond** 

Solon Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0062 ACTION TAKEN:

S-23

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit

**PURPOSE** Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute catchable stocked brook trout among anglers.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-19, S-23

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Barker Pond** 

Cornville Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 2600 ACTION TAKEN:

S-24

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit.

**PURPOSE** Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute catchable stocked brook trout among anglers.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-19, S-24.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Barker Pond** 

Cornville Somerset Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 2600 ACTION TAKEN:

Open per Group A

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit

**PURPOSE** Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute catchable stocked brook trout among anglers.

FINAL REGULATIONS A, S-19

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Bemis Stream and tributaries** 

Rangeley Plantation, Township D Franklin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0861751005 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS From red markers on Mooselookmeguntic Lake to north side of railroad bridge at Summit: S-5; tributaries closed; from August 16 - September 30, all fish must be released alive at once.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Extend FFO to entire stream; open tributaries to fishing; impose S-17 to main stem and tributaries.

PURPOSE Regulation standardization/simplification.

FINAL REGULATIONS From red posts on Mooselookmeguntic Lake upstream: S-5, S-17. From August 16 - September 30, all fish must be released alive at once.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Carrabassett River Franklin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 093077 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS from its source in Carrabassett Valley to point at East New Portland where Route 146 crosses the river: S-5. From its confluence with the West Branch of the Carrabassett to Route 146 in East New Portland: Children 12 years of age and under may fish under S-4.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: children 12 years of age and under may fish under S-4. Impose 2 trout limit and extended fishing season through October.

PURPOSE Standardize kid-fishing regulation. Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute catchable stocked brook trout among anglers below Kingfield dam. Impose extended season in same reach in anticipation of additional stocking (BKT above Kingfield; RBT below Kingfield).

**FINAL REGULATIONS** From its source in Carrabassett Valley to the point at East New Portland where Route 146 crosses the river: S-5, S-19. From October 1 to October 31, S-5, S-21.

From the point at East New Portland where Route 146 crosses the river to its confluence with the Kennebec River in North Anson: S-19. From October 1 to October 31: S-6, S-21.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Cold Stream** 

West Forks Plantation, etcetera Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 093108 ACTION TAKEN:

General law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose gear and catch and release restriction to lower part of stream.

**PURPOSE** Protect native brook trout population and migrating spawning brook trout from Kennebec River.

FINAL REGULATIONS From Capitol Road bridge downstream to confluence with Dead River: S-6; from August 16 - September 30 all salmon, trout, and togue must be released alive at once.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Cupsuptic Lake** 

Adamstown, etcetera Franklin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3302 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS

S-2, S-3, S-4, S-17. Minimum length limit on salmon: 14 inches except that only 1 may exceed 18 inches. That portion of Cupsuptic Lake at the mouth of the Kennebago and Rangeley rivers from red markers on outer boom piers to the confluence of the above rivers: fly fishing only until September 30; daily limit: 1 fish until August 15. From August 16 - September 30, all fish must be released alive at once.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Liberalize salmon regulations as listed for Mooselookmeguntic Lake.

**PURPOSE**Make regulation consistent with that of Mooselookmeguntic Lake.

FINAL REGULATIONS

S-2, S-3, S-4, S-17. Daily limit on salmon: 3 fish. Minimum length limit on salmon: 12 inches except that only 1 may exceed 18 inches. That portion of Cupsuptic Lake at the mouth of the Kennebago and Rangeley rivers from red markers on outer boom piers to the confluence of the above rivers: fly fishing only until September 30; daily limit: 1 fish until August 15. From August 16 - September 30, all fish must be released alive at once.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Dead River, South Branch** Franklin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 09310535 ACTION TAKEN:

from Route 16 bridge in Dallas Plantation to Langtown Mill Bridge: S-23

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose S-19.

**PURPOSE** Impose 2 fish limit to distribute catchable stocked brook trout among anglers.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** from Route 16 bridge in Dallas Plantation to Langtown Mill bridge: S-19, S-23.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Embden Lake** 

Embden Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0078 ACTION TAKEN:

S-2, S-3, S-22

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit.

**PURPOSE** Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute catchable stocked brook trout among anglers.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-2, S-3, S-19, S-22

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Embden Lake** 

Embden Somerset Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0078 ACTION TAKEN:

B, S-2, S-5, S-14, S-22

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: Impose 2 trout limit.

**PURPOSE** Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute catchable stocked brook trout among anglers.

FINAL REGULATIONS B, S-5, S-14, S-19, S-22

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Haley Pond Outlet** 

Rangeley Franklin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0861751013023 ACTION TAKEN:

Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age. S-1, S-4; minimum length limit on trout: 8 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete 8 inch minimum length limit on trout.

PURPOSE Regulations standardization

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age. S-1, S-4, S-19.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Hancock Pond** 

Embden Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0082 ACTION TAKEN:

S-3. Minimum length limit on togue: 1 togue must be longer than 18 inches and 1 togue must be between 14 and 18 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit.

**PURPOSE** Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute catchable stocked brook trout among anglers.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-3, S-19. Minimum length limit on togue 14 inches except that only 1 may exceed 18 inches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Hancock Pond** 

Embden Somerset Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0082 ACTION TAKEN:

B, ST-1

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit.

**PURPOSE** Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute catchable stocked brook trout among anglers.

**FINAL REGULATIONS**B, S-19, Minimum length limit on togue 14 inches except that only 1 may exceed 18 inches. CLOSED is that portion of the pond within 200 yards of the intake of the water supply of the towns of Anson, North Anson, and Madison.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Helen Pond** 

Pierce Pond Township Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0094 ACTION TAKEN:

S-4, S-19. Minimum length on trout: 8 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete S-19; Minimum length on trout: 8 inches. Replace with S-17.

PURPOSE standardization/simplification

FINAL REGULATIONS S-4, S-17.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**High Pond** 

Pierce Pond Township Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0092 ACTION TAKEN:

S-4, S-19. Minimum length on trout: 8 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete S-19; Minimum length on trout: 8 inches. Replace with S-17.

PURPOSE standardization/simplification

FINAL REGULATIONS S-4, S-17

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Kilgore Pond** 

Pierce Pond Township, Bowtown Somerset Open Water Public

**Township** 

WATERCODE: 0108 ACTION TAKEN:

S-5, S-17

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change fly fishing only to artificial lures only

PURPOSE Stocked brook trout fishery has declined in recent years; number of pickerel has increased. ALO would allow anglers to target pickerel; more restrictive

bag and length limit would protect brook trout.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-6, S-21

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Little Hammond Pond** 

Carrabassett Valley Franklin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 8619 ACTION TAKEN:

General law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** ADD: S-5 (FFO); S-17 (Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 10 inches, only 1 may exceed 12 inches.

**PURPOSE** align with reulations for wild trout ponds

FINAL REGULATIONS S-5; S-17.

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WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON** SOURCE **HEARING** 

Oxford **Open Water** Magalloway River, Big, and **IFW** 

tributaries above Parmachenee L

> **WATERCODE:** 086168 **ACTION TAKEN:**

S-5, S-8, S-13, S-22. Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish. From Bennett's covered bridge in Lincoln Plantation to red posts about 1/4 mile upstream: persons **CURRENT** under 16 years of age may fish under general law limits. From August 16 - September 30 all fish must be released alive at once. Tributaries to Big

REGULATIONS

Magalloway River above Parmachenee Lake, including Moose Bog, S-5, S-11; minimum length limit on trout: 8 inches. From August 16 - September 30 all salmon, trout, and togue must be released alive at once.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Eliminate kid-fishing provision, which clerk surveys indicate is rarely used.

Impose same regulations on tributaries above Parmachenee Lake as on main stem.

**PURPOSE** Simplify regulations; clerk surveys indicate that kid-fishing reach not being utilized. Eliminate 8 inch limit on brook trout in upper river; few fish reach

this length (migrating fish protected by C&R after Aug. 15).

FINAL REGULATIONS S-5, S-8, S-13, S-22. Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish. From August 16 - September 30 all salmon, trout, and togue must be released alive at once.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Martin (Long) Pond

The Forks Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4108 ACTION TAKEN:

Open to fishing May 1. Motorboats prohibited. S-4, S-13, S-23 (exception: bass may be taken during the extended season).

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit.

**PURPOSE** Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute catchable stocked brook trout among anglers.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Open to fishing May 1. Motorboats prohibited. S-4, S-13, S-19, S-23 (exception: black bass may be taken during the extended season).

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Moxie Lake** 

The Forks, etc. Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4050 ACTION TAKEN:

S-4, S-13, S-23.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit.

**PURPOSE** Distribute catch of catchable stocked brook trout among anglers.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-4, S-13, S-19, S-23.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Moxie Long Bog** 

Bald Mountain Township, T4R3 Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 7106 ACTION TAKEN:

Closed after August 15. Motorboats prohibited.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: Impose 'no size or bag limit on bass' regulation; reduce trout bag limit to 2 fish.

**PURPOSE** Allow harvest of invasive smallmouth bass. Reduce trout bag limit to protect wild brook trout in presence of smallmouth bass.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-13, S-19. Closed after August 15. Motorboats prohibited.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Parmachenee Lake

Lynchtown Township, etcetera Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3966 ACTION TAKEN:

Total daily bag limit on salmon, trout, and togue: 2 fish. Minimum length limit on trout: 10 inches; only one may be longer than 12 inches. Fly casting CURRENT and fly trolling only.

REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: Eliminate aggregate.

PURPOSE Regulations standardization

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-17. Fly casting and fly trolling only.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Pleasant Pond** 

Caratunk Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0224 ACTION TAKEN:

S-4; S-19: S-23

CURRENT REGULATIONS

Daily bag limit on lake trout: 5 fish; minimum length limit on lkt trout: 14 inches.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Opens to fishing on May 15.

PURPOSE delay opening date

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Opens to fishing on May 15.

S-4; S-19: S-23

Daily bag limit on lake trout: 5 fish; minimum length limit on lkt trout: 14 inches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Porter Lake

Strong and New Vineyard Franklin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0012 ACTION TAKEN:

S-2, S-3, S-18, S-22; Daily bag limit on togue: 3 fish. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches, only 1 togue may be longer than 18 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add S-13;

**PURPOSE** Reduce number of invasive smallmouth bass; clarify togue regulation.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-2, S-3, S-13, S-22; Daily bag limit on togue: 3 fish. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches, only one togue may exceed 18 inches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Porter Lake

Strong and New Vineyard Franklin Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0012 ACTION TAKEN:

B, FN-2

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: Replace FN-2 with "B, S-13, S-22, Daily limit on togue: 3 fish: minimum length limit on togue 14 inches, only one togue may exceed 18 inches."

**PURPOSE** delete 2 fish, 8 inch minimum length limit on trout (will become county-wide special).

**FINAL REGULATIONS** B, S-13, S-22, Daily limit on togue: 3 fish: minimum length limit on togue 14 inches, only one togue may exceed 18 inches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Rangeley Lake

Rangeley Franklin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3300 ACTION TAKEN:

S-2, S-3, S-4, S-17, S-22. Minimum length limit on trout in tributaries: 8 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete reference to length limit of trout in tributaries.

PURPOSE Regulation standardization

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-2, S-3, S-4, S-17, S-22.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Richardson Lakes, Upper and

Lower and tributaries T4R1, Township C, etcetera Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3308 ACTION TAKEN:

S-4, S-17. Closed to the taking of smelts from midnight until noon each day. (See listing for Upper Dam Pool.)

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Close lake and tributaries to smelt dipping.

**PURPOSE** Salmon growth has been poor for a number of years despite a reduction in the stocking rate. Closure to smelt dipping would provide additional forage for

salmon.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-1, S-4, S-17. (See listing for Upper Dam Pool.)

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Robinson Pond** 

Caratunk Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0220 ACTION TAKEN:

S-6, S-19. Minimum length on trout: 8 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete S-19; Minimum length on trout: 8 inches. Replace with S-17.

PURPOSE standardization/simplification

FINAL REGULATIONS S-6, S-17

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Round Pond** 

Rangeley Franklin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3524 ACTION TAKEN:

S-5, S-19, S-23. Children 12 years of age and under may fish under the S-4 regulation.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Children 12 years of age and under may fish under S-4.

PURPOSE remove youth exception to special regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS S-5, S-19, S-23.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Round Pond** 

Rangeley Franklin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3524 ACTION TAKEN:

S-5, S-18, S-23. Children 12 years of age and under may fish under the S-4 regulation.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove kid-fishing provision.

PURPOSE Standardize regulations. Availability of other kid-fishing opportunities in the area makes this regulation unnecessary on a pond capable of producing a

quality fishery in a fly-fishing-only water.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-5, S-18, S-23.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Sandy River Franklin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 093069 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS From red posts approximately 1/2 mile downstream of the Route 149 bridge in Phillips to the red posts approximateley 1/2 mile upstream of the Route 145 bridge in Strong: S-6; minimum length limit on brown trout: 14 inches; daily bag limit on brown trout: 1 fish. From Route 145 bridge, Strong, downstream to its confluence with the Kennebec River, Starks, Anson: From October 1 to October 31, S-5. All fish caught must be released alive at once. (General law applies for the rest of the season.)

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit on entire river and ALO on upper 2 miles. Eliminate special brown trout regs on middle reach.

PURPOSE

Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute catchable stocked brook trout among anglers (additional stocking of catchable BKT scheduled for upper river).

Impose ALO on upper river, a portion of which is slated for stream restoration. Eliminate special brown trout regs in Phillips and Strong (which have not

been effective in providing a quality fishery).

FINAL REGULATIONS S-19.

From its origin at the outlet of the Sandy River Ponds to the upper (Route 142) bridge in Phillips: S-6.

From the upper (Route 142) bridge in Phillips, downstream to its confluence with the Kennebec River, Starks and Norridgewock: From October 1 to October 31, S-6, S-21.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Sandy River Ponds** 

Sandy River Plantation Franklin Open Water IFW

**WATERCODE:** 3564,3566,3568 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

S-4, S-23

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit.

**PURPOSE**Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute stocked brook trout among anglers (expected greater use with construction of public access site).

FINAL REGULATIONS S-4, S-19, S-23.

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D REGION WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING South Bog Stream** Rangeley Plt. Franklin **Open Water** IFW **WATERCODE:** 086175101301 **ACTION TAKEN:** S-5. Minimum length limit on brook trout: 8 inches. That portion upstream from the bridge at South Shore Drive to red markers at the headwaters: all fish **CURRENT** caught must be released alive at once. REGULATIONS **MODIFICATIONS:** Replace 8" length limit on brook trout with S-17. Replace catch and release section with catch and release on entire stream after Aug. 15. **PURPOSE** Protect wild trout population including those on spawning run from Rangeley Lake. Make BKT bag and length limits consistent with those on Rangeley Lake.

From red markers on Rangeley Lake upstream, S-5, S-17. From August 16 - September 30: S-5, all fish must be released alive at once.

FINAL REGULATIONS

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Spencer Stream and** 

tributaries T3R4 BKPWKR Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 09310512 ACTION TAKEN:

S-5

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose no size or bag limit on bass regulation.

**PURPOSE** Allow harvest of all invasive smallmouth bass.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-5, S-13.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Sturtevant Pond** 

Magalloway Plantation Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3104 ACTION TAKEN:

S-4, S-16, S-23

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: Add S-13

**PURPOSE** Allow harvest of all invasive smallmouth bass.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-4, S-13, S-16, S-23.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Tea Pond, Little

Jim Pond Township Franklin Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 2348 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS

S-5, S-19. All trout less than 8 inches and longer than 12 inches must be released alive at once. Open to fishing in October; all fish caught must be released alive at once; fly fishing only.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Reduce minimum length limit on brook trout to 6 inches.

PURPOSE Regulation standardization.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-5, S-8, S-19. From October 1 through October 31: S-5, all fish caught must be released alive at once.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Tibbetts Pond** 

Concord Plantation Somerset Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0184 ACTION TAKEN:

Closed

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Open to ice fishing with same age, gear, and bag restrictions as open water season.

PURPOSE Winter kid-fishing opportunity.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** B. S-4, S-19. Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Toothaker Pond** 

Phillips Franklin Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 2336 ACTION TAKEN:

Closed

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Open to ice fishing for persons under 16 years of age.

**PURPOSE** Winter kid-fishing opportunity in pond stocked with catchable brook trout.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-4. Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Upper Dam Pool** 

T4R1 Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 08617510 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS

That area between Mooselookmeguntic Lake dam and a line drawn between the two cribwork piers approximately 800 yards west of said dam: S-1, S-5; Minimum length on trout 12 inches: Minmimum length on salmon: 18 inches. Total daily bag limit on salmon, trout, and togue: 1 fish. No motorboats allowed from the gates of the dam, downstream, or westerly 150 yards. Open to fishing October 1-October 31; fly fishing only, all fish caught must be released alive at once.

MODIFICATIONS: Change trout regulation from 'minimum length on trout: 12 inches' to S-21 (1 trout, min. lgt. 14 inches); delete aggregate; add S-22; change "fly fishing only" in Oct. to S-5.

PURPOSE Standardization, rewording

FINAL REGULATIONS

That area between Mooselookmeguntic Lake dam and a line drawn between the two cribwork piers approximately 800 yards west of said dam: S-1, S-5, S-21, S-22. Minimum length on salmon: 18 inches. No motorboats allowed from the gates of the dam, downstream, or westerly 150 yards. Open to fishing October 1-October 31; S-5, all fish caught must be released alive at once.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Wesserunsett (Hayden) Lake

Madison Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0070 ACTION TAKEN:

S-24

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit.

**PURPOSE** Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute catchable stocked brook trout among anglers.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-19, S-24

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Wesserunsett Lake (Hayden)

Lake Madison Somerset Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0070 ACTION TAKEN:

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CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Impose 2 trout limit.

**PURPOSE** Reduce trout limit to 2 fish to distribute catchable stocked brook trout among anglers.

FINAL REGULATIONS B, S-19.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Wilson Stream

Wilton Franklin Open Water Public

WATERCODE: 09306920 ACTION TAKEN:

General law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Restrict an area of Wilson Stream in downtown Wilton to kid-fishing only

**PURPOSE** Increase kid-fishing opportunity in populous area.

FINAL REGULATIONS

That section of Wilson Stream from the first bridge downstream of Wilson Lake, including the canal, to the third (Route 156) bridge downstream of Wilson Lake: S-19, restricted to fishing by children under 16 years of age.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Allagash Stream from Little

Round Pond downstream to T8 R13 WELS Piscataquis Open Water IFW

the red markers at the trestle on Chamberlain L

WATERCODE: 2100812918 ACTION TAKEN:

S-6, S-10. Daily bag limit on trout: 12 inches. Minimum length on whitefish: 16 inches From August 16 - September 30: CLOSED TO ALL FISHING

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Increase the minimum length from 12 to 14 inches

PURPOSE Standardize regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS S-6, S-21, Minimum length limit on whitefish: 16 inches. From August 16 - September 30: Closed to all fishing

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Bear Pond** 

Bowerbank Piscataquis Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 9865 ACTION TAKEN:

S-8,S-23. Minimum length limit on trout:16 inches

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change minimum length from 16 to 14 inches

PURPOSE Standardize regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS S-21,S-23

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Bear Pond** 

Bowerbank Piscataquis Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 9865 ACTION TAKEN:

B,S-8, Daily limit on trout: 1 fish. Minimum length limit on trout: 16 inches

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change minimum length from 16 to 14 inches

PURPOSE Standardize regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS B, S-21

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Benson Pond, Big

Bowerbank, Willimantic Piscataquis Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0864 ACTION TAKEN:

S-6, S-10, S-21, S-22

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Drop the S-10 for General Law

PURPOSE Liberalize bag limit in a pond with an abundance LKT population. Previoulsy, this pond had an aggregate bag limit which included 2 LKT. When

aggregate was dropped, a 1 LKT limit was adopted.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-6, S-21, S-22

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Benson Pond, Big

Bowerback, Willimantic Piscataquis Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0864 ACTION TAKEN:

B, S-4, S-8, S-21, S-22, S-23

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Drop the S-23 for General Law

PURPOSE Liberalize bag limit in a pond with an abundance LKT population. Previoulsy, this pond had an aggregate bag limit which included 2 LKT. When

aggregate was dropped, a 1 LKT limit was adopted.

FINAL REGULATIONS B, S-4, S-8, S-21, S-22

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Greenwood Pond, Little** 

Elliottsville Piscataquis Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0886 ACTION TAKEN:

S-4. Daily bag limit on trout 1 fish; minimum length limit on trout: 16 inches. S-23

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change minimum length from 16 to 14 inches

PURPOSE Standardize regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS S-4,S-21,S-23

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Kingsbury Pond and inlet

from Mayfield Pond Kingsbury Plt, Mayfield Plt Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0262 ACTION TAKEN:

S-3, S-8, S-22, S-23; Minimum length on trout: 16 inches. Pond closed to the taking of smelts from midnight to noon.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change minimum length on trout from 16 to 14 inches. Maintain 1 trout limit.

PURPOSE Standardize regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS S-3, S-21, S-22, S-23,

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Kingsbury Pond and** 

tributaries Kingsbury Plt, Mayfield Plt Somerset Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0262 ACTION TAKEN:

B, S-5, S-22, Daily limit on trout 1 fish; minimum length on trout: 16 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change minimum length on trout from 16 to 14 inches. Maintain 1 trout limit.

PURPOSE Standardize regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS B,S-5, S-21, S-22

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Mayfield Pond and outlet to

Kingsbury Pond Mayfield and Kingsbury Plts Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0260 ACTION TAKEN:

S-8, S-22. Minimum length limit on trout: 16 inches Pond and tributaries closed to the taking of smelts from midnight to noon each day. S-23.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change minimum length on trout from 16 to 14 inches. Maintain 1 trout limit.

PURPOSE Standarize regulations

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-21, S-22, S-23. Pond and tributaries closed to the taking of smelts from midnight to noon each day.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Mayfield Pond and tributaries** 

Mayfield and Kingsbury Plts Somerset Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0260 ACTION TAKEN:

B, S-5, S-22, Daily limit on trout: 1 fish, minimum length limit on trout: 16 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change minimum length on trout from 16 to 14 inches. Maintain 1 trout limit.

PURPOSE Standarize regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS B, S-5, S-21, S-22,

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**McKenney Pond** 

Upper Enchanted Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: '0154 ACTION TAKEN:

General Law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: add S-4

PURPOSE align with standard regs for wild brook trout ponds

FINAL REGULATIONS S-4

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Mountain View (Fitzgerald)

Pond T2 R6 BKP EKR Piscataquis Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0269 ACTION TAKEN:

B, S-19

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change group B to A. \* Contingent on changing statewide definition of Group A to allow BKT harvest.

**PURPOSE** Expand fishing opportunities associated with new put and take fall yearling brook trout program

FINAL REGULATIONS A, S-19

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WATER **TOWNSHIP** COUNTY **SEASON SOURCE HEARING** 

**Piscataquis Open Water** Penobscot River, West IFW Branch. Section (A)

> WATERCODE: 210082 **ACTION TAKEN:**

From Seboomook Dam to red markers set on the shores of Chesuncook Lake near the Boom House campsite. From April 1 to August 15: S-6, S-19, S-22. **CURRENT** REGULATIONS

Minimum length limit on trout: 6 inches, only 1 may exceed 12 inches. From August 16 - September 30: S-5, daily bag limit: 1 salmon or 1 trout.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change the special non-conforming trout reg to S-17.

**PURPOSE** Standardize regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS From Seboomook Dam to red markers set on the shores of Chesuncook Lake near the Boom House campsite. From April 1 to August 15: S-6, S-17, S-22. From August 16 - September 30: S-5, daily bag limit: 1 salmon or 1 trout.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Piscataquis River, Guilford to

Sebec Guilford, Sangerville, Piscataquis Open Water IFW

Dover-Foxcroft, Sebec, Atkinson

WATERCODE: 210053 ACTION TAKEN:

Open water fishing from January 1 to December 31: S-6, S-19. Children 12 years of age and under may fish under the S-4 special regulation.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Children 12 years of age and under may fish under the S-4 special regulation.

PURPOSE remove youth exception to special regulations

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Open water fishing from January 1 to December 31: S-6, S-19.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Sawyer Pond** 

Greenville Piscataquis Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0386 ACTION TAKEN:

B, S-8, S-19

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: Change group B to A. \* Contingent on changing statewide definition of Group A to allow BKT harvest.

**PURPOSE** Expand fishing opportunities associated with new put and take fall yearling brook trout program

FINAL REGULATIONS A, S-8, S-19

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Shirley Pond** 

Shirley Piscataquis Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0335 ACTION TAKEN:

B, S-8, S-19

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change group B to A. \* Contingent on changing statewide definition of Group A to allow BKT harvest.

**PURPOSE** Expand fishing opportunities associated with new put and take fall yearling brook trout program

FINAL REGULATIONS A, S-8, S-19

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Debsconeag Lake, First** 

T2R10 WELS Piscataquis Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 2060 ACTION TAKEN:

Open to ice fishing per group B, S-14, S-19, S-23

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** DELETE S-23 (Daily bag limit on lake trout: 1 fish)

PURPOSE Increase bag limit on lake trout

FINAL REGULATIONS B, S-14, S-19

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Debsconeag Lake, First** 

T2R10 WELS Piscataquis Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 2060 ACTION TAKEN:

S-10, S-19

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** DELETE S-10 (Daily bag limit on togue: 1 fish)

PURPOSE Increase bag limit on togue

FINAL REGULATIONS S-19

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Giles Pond

Patten Penobscot Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: ???? ACTION TAKEN:

General Law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** ADD S-19, (Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish)

PURPOSE Conform to division standard on kid fishing opportunities

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age, S-19

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Hannington Pond** 

Reed Plt. Aroostook Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: ???? ACTION TAKEN:

General Law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: ADD Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age, S-19 (Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish)

PURPOSE Conform to division standard regulations

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age, S-19

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Ireland Pond** 

T7R8 WELS Penobscot Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4168 ACTION TAKEN:

S-4, S-23

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: ADD S-18 (Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish, length limit on trout 18 inches), DELETE S-4 (use or possession of live fish as bait is prohibited, the use of

dead fish, salmon eggs and worms is permitted). ADD S-6(artficial lures only)

PURPOSE Observations from 2005 gillnetting demonstrated excellent growth but less than ideal holdover. Ireland Pond has an excellent forage base and with more

restrictive regulations, could produce a higher proportion of older/larger fish.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-6, S-18, S-23

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

O'Roake Pond

Sherman Penobscot Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: ???? ACTION TAKEN:

General Law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** ADD S-19 ( Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fishing) Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age.

**PURPOSE** Conform to division standard regulations for kid fishing opportunities.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age, S-19.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Penobscot River** 

Veazie, etc. Penobscot Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 2100 ACTION TAKEN:

## CURRENT REGULATIONS

Penobscot River, (See Fish Consumption Advisory). From the Veazie Dam upstream to 1-95 bridge crossing, Medway: S-24. Maximum length limit on landlocked salmon: 25 inches. The area within 150 feet of any part of the West Enfield Dam, including fishway: Closed to fishing at all times. All tidal

waters of the Penobscot River from the Veazie Dam to the downstream side of the Bangor Water District pipeline crossing, located approximately 3100 feet downstream of the Veazie Dam and identified by two red posts on either side of the Penobscot River in Eddington and Veazie: Closed from June 1-October 30 (Marine Resources Rule.)

Kenduskeag Stream from its origin in Corinth downstream to the head of tide (Harlow Street Bridge in Bangor): S-12; Maximum length on landlocked salmon 25 inches. Exceptions: That portion of the Kenduskeag Stream from Rt. 15 downstream to the Harlow St. Bridge: April 1-June 30; S-12, daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish, minimum length limit: 8 inches, and maximum length on landlocked salmon 25 inches. July 1- September 15; closed to all fishing. September 16-October 15; open to fishing: S-6, S-12, daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish, minimum length limit: 8 inches, and maximum length limit on landlocked salmon 25 inches. From the Harlow Street Bridge (head of tide) down to the Maine Central Railroad bridge in Bangor closed to all fishing after July 15 (Marine Resources Rule).

Closed to fishing for all species from July 1 - September 30.

Felts Brook from the downstream side of Route 9 in Brewer to the head of tide. In addition the Dept. of Marine Resources has closed an area from the head of tide in Brewer downstream to the Penobscot River on the easterly side of a straight line drawn from a red painted rock situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Felts Brook to a red painted marker on the Bangor Dam fishway situated on the upriver side of the mouth of Felts Brook.

Eaton Brook from the downstream side of Route 9 in Brewer to the head of tide. In addition the Dept. of Marine Resources has closed an area and from the head of tide in Brewer to the Penobscot River, and the Penobscot River within 250 feet of a red painted marker situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Eaton Brook.

Meadow Brook in Bangor and in the Penobscot River within a 250 foot radius of the Maine Central Railroad Bridge abutments at the mouth of Meadow Brook (Marine Resources Rule).

Blackman Stream from the downstream side of the Route 178 bridge in Bradley to the Penobscot River, and the Penobscot River within 500 feet of a red painted marker situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Blackman Stream.

Great Works Stream from the downstream side of the Route178 bridge in Bradley to the Penobscot River, and the Penobscot River within 500 feet of a red painted marker situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Great Works Stream:

Penobscot River, Mattaseunk Dam to Milford Dam-Gilman Falls Dam: From April 1 - September 30, S-6 for bass; daily limit on bass: 1 fish between 12-15 inches. From October 1 - November 30: S-6; All trout, salmon, togue, and bass must be released alive at once.

## **MODIFICATIONS:**

Extend regulated area from Veazie Dam to the confluence of the East and West Branches of the Penobscot River. Apply S-24 to this section. Apply 25 inch maximum length limit on landlocked salmon. As practical, rules referencing just specific tributaries will be moved and listed under that stream's name as a "house keeping" change.

## **PURPOSE**

Establish uniform IF&W regulations on the Penobscot River from Veazie Dam to the confluence of the East and West Branches.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

## FINAL REGULATIONS

Penobscot River, (See Fish Consumption Advisory). From the confluence of the East and West Branches of the Penobscot River downstream to Veazie Dam: S-24. Maximum length limit on landlocked salmon: 25 inches. The area within 150 feet of any part of the West Enfield Dam, including fishway: Closed to fishing at all times. All tidal waters of the Penobscot River from the Veazie Dam to the downstream side of the Bangor Water District pipeline crossing, located approximately 3100 feet downstream of the Veazie Dam and identified by two red posts on either side of the Penobscot River in Eddington and Veazie: Closed from June 1-October 30 (Marine Resources Rule.).

Penobscot River: Mattaseunk Dam to Milford Dam-Gilman Falls Dam: From April 1 - September 30, S-6 for bass; daily limit on bass: 1 fish between 12-15 inches. From October 1 - November 30: S-6; All trout, salmon, togue, and bass must be released alive at once.

Kenduskeag Stream from its origin in Corinth downstream to the head of tide (Harlow Street Bridge in Bangor): S-12; Maximum length on landlocked salmon 25 inches. Exceptions: That portion of the Kenduskeag Stream from Rt. 15 downstream to the Harlow St. Bridge: April 1-June 30; S-12, daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish, minimum length limit: 8 inches, and maximum length on landlocked salmon 25 inches. July 1- September 15; closed to all fishing. September 16-October 15; open to fishing: S-6, S-12, daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish, minimum length limit: 8 inches, and maximum length limit on landlocked salmon 25 inches. From the Harlow Street Bridge (head of tide) down to the Maine Central Railroad bridge in Bangor closed to all fishing after July 15 (Marine Resources Rule).

Closed to fishing for all species from July 1 - September 30.

Felts Brook from the downstream side of Route 9 in Brewer to the head of tide. In addition the Dept. of Marine Resources has closed an area from the head of tide in Brewer downstream to the Penobscot River on the easterly side of a straight line drawn from a red painted rock situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Felts Brook to a red painted marker on the Bangor Dam fishway situated on the upriver side of the mouth of Felts Brook.

Eaton Brook from the downstream side of Route 9 in Brewer to the head of tide. In addition the Dept. of Marine Resources has closed an area and from the head of tide in Brewer to the Penobscot River, and the Penobscot River within 250 feet of a red painted marker situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Eaton Brook.

Meadow Brook in Bangor and in the Penobscot River within a 250 foot radius of the Maine Central Railroad Bridge abutments at the mouth of Meadow Brook (Marine Resources Rule).

Blackman Stream from the downstream side of the Route 178 bridge in Bradley to the Penobscot River, and the Penobscot River within 500 feet of a red painted marker situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Blackman Stream.

Great Works Stream from the downstream side of the Route 178 bridge in Bradley to the Penobscot River, and the Penobscot River within 500 feet of a red painted marker situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Great Works Stream.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Penobscot River, East Branch

T5R8 & T6R8 WELS Penobscot Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 210081 ACTION TAKEN:

...Children under 16 years of age may fish from the bank under the S-4 special regulation...

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: "Children under 16 years of age may fish from the bank under the S-4 special regulation.."

**PURPOSE** remove youth exception to special regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS Maximum length limit on landlocked salmon: 25 inches. From Matagamon Dam to the downstream side of Whetstone Bridge, Big and Little Spring

brooks and all other tributaries upstream to the first road crossing: S-6; minimum length limit on salmon: 10 inches, S-13, S-17. The area within 150 feet

of Matagamon Dam is closed to all fishing. (See Piscataquis County, also).

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Penobscot River, West** 

Branch, Medway dam to the Medway Penobscot Open Water F/ASC

confluence of East and West

**Branches in Medway** 

WATERCODE: 210082 ACTION TAKEN:

General law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: ADD: S-24; Maximum length limit on landlocked salmon: 25 inches; establish closed area below Medway dam.

PURPOSE Establish consistent regulations on Penobscot River and provide added protection for Atlantic salmon

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Maximum length limit on landlocked salmon: 25 inches.

S-24.

The area within 150 feet of any part of the Medway Dam, including the powerhouse: closed to fishing at all times.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Quakish Lake and West** 

Branch of the Penobscot River T3 Indian Purchase Penobscot Open Water IFW

to the dam at North Twin

<u>Lake</u>

WATERCODE: 2116 ACTION TAKEN:

General Law

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: ADD S-23 (Extended Season- Remains open to fishing through October 1 -October 31; artificial lures only; all fish caught must be released

alive at once)

PURPOSE Provide additional salmon fishing opportunity

FINAL REGULATIONS S-23

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Rock Crusher Pond** 

Island Falls Aroostook Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: ???? ACTION TAKEN:

Open to ice fishing per group B. Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

MODIFICATIONS: ADD S-8 (Restricted to 2 lines per person), S-19 (Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish)

**PURPOSE** Conform to division standard regulations for kid fishing ponds

**FINAL REGULATIONS** B, Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age. S-8, S-19.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Rock Crusher Pond** 

Island Falls Aroostook Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: ???? ACTION TAKEN:

Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** ADD S-19 ( Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish)

**PURPOSE** Conform to division standard regulations for kid fishing ponds.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age, S-19.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Rocky Brook

Lincoln Penobscot Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 21006401 ACTION TAKEN:

Restricted to persons under 16 years of age.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** ADD S-19 (Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish)

**PURPOSE** Conform to division standard regulations for kid fishing opportunities.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Restricted to persons under 16 years of age, S-19.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Seboeis Lake

T4R9 NWP Piscataquis Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 0954 ACTION TAKEN:

Open to ice fishing per group B, S-19, Minimum length limit on trout: 12 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Replace S-19 with S-16 (2 fish/12-inches, only 1 can be over 14-inches)

**PURPOSE** Conform to division standards.

FINAL REGULATIONS B, S-16.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Seboeis Lake

T4R9 NWP Piscataquis Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0954 ACTION TAKEN:

S-19, S-24, minimum length limit on trout: 12 inches.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Replace S-19 and minimum length limit on trout: 12 inches with S-16 (2 fish/12 inches, only 1 may exceed 14 inches)

**PURPOSE** Conform to division standard regulations.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-16, S-24.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Sourdnahunk Stream

T4R10 WELS Piscataquis Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 21008234 ACTION TAKEN:

S-5, Children under 16 years of age: S-6. Closed to all fishing from 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** DELETE Closed to all fishing from 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise and Children under 16 years of age: S-6..

**PURPOSE** Conform to lake regulations on legal fishing times.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-5

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Togue, Lower and tributaries** 

T2R9 WELS Piscataquis Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 2084 ACTION TAKEN:

S-16, use of live bait permitted. Closed to the taking of smelts from midnight to noon each day. Daily bag limit on smelts: 1 quart, S-23.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** DELETE Closed to the taking of smelts from midnight to noon each day.

**PURPOSE** Liberalize harvest and conform to division standard regulations.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-16, Use of live bait permitted. Daily bag limit on smelts: 1 quart, S-23.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

California Brook

T16R5 WELS Aroostook Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4272162308 ACTION TAKEN:

From Square Lake upstream to the first road crossing:

**CURRENT** S-16: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 14 inches.

**REGULATIONS** From August 16 - September 30: artificial lures only; total daily bag limit on salmon, trout, and togue: 1 fish.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: From Square Lake upstream to the first road crossing:

S-16: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 14 inches.

From August 16 - September 30: artificial lures only; total daily bag limit on salmon, trout, and togue: 1 fish.

**PURPOSE** Simplify the lawbook; unnecessary regulation.

FINAL REGULATIONS General Law

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Caribou Ponds, Big and Little

T7R10 WELS Piscataquis Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4142, 4144 ACTION TAKEN:

General Law

CURRENT S-23: Extended Season-Remains open to fishing through October. From October 1 - October 31: artificial lures only; all fish caught must be released alive

**REGULATIONS** at once.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add S-19: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish

**PURPOSE** These waters are stocked with SY BKT. This regulation is being proposed to extend the harvest of these fish later into the fishing season.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-19, S-23

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Dimock Brook

T16R5 WELS Aroostook Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4272162307 ACTION TAKEN:

From Square Lake upstream to the T16R5 WELS town line:

**CURRENT** S-16: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 14 inches.

**REGULATIONS** From August 16 - September 30: Artificial lures only; total daily bag limit on salmon, trout, and togue: 1 fish.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: From Square Lake upstream to the T16R5 WELS town line:

S-16: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 14 inches.

From August 16 - September 30: Artificial lures only; total daily bag limit on salmon, trout, and togue: 1 fish.

**PURPOSE** Simplify the lawbook; unnecessary regulation.

FINAL REGULATIONS General Law

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Goddard Brooks, Big and

<u>Little</u> T15R5 WELS Aroostook Open Water IFW

**WATERCODE:** 42272162303, 42 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

From the red posts downstream to Square Lake:

**CURRENT** S-16: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 14 inches.

**REGULATIONS** From August 16 to September 30: Artificial lures only; Total daily bag limit for salmon, trout, and togue: 1 fish.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete:From the red posts downstream to Square Lake:

S-16: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 14 inches.

From August 16 to September 30: Artificial lures only; Total daily bag limit for salmon, trout, and togue: 1 fish.

**PURPOSE** Simplify the lawbook; unnecessary regulation.

FINAL REGULATIONS General Law

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Logan Lake

Houlton Aroostook Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 9777 ACTION TAKEN:

S-6, S-19, S-23. Children 12 years of age and under may fish under the S-4 special regulations.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Children 12 years of age and under may fish under the S-4 special regulations.

PURPOSE remove youth exception to special regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS S-6, S-19, S-23.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Meduxnekeag River and Aroostook Open Water IFW

<u>tributaries upstream to the</u> first highway crossing.

WATERCODE: 427096 ACTION TAKEN:

From the Maine/NewBrunswick boundary upstream to the Route 1 bridge in Houlton:

**CURRENT** S-6: Artificial lures only;

**REGULATIONS** S-11: Daily bag limit on salmon, trout, and togue: 2 fish in the aggregate;

Minimum length limit on brook trout:10 inches; Minimum length limit on brown trout: 12 inches.

From August 16 to September 30: S-6; Total daily bag limit on salmon, trout and togue: 1 fish.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete S-11.

Delete: Minimum length limit on brook trout: 10 inches. Delete: Minimum length limit on brown trout: 12 inches.

Add S-17: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 10 inches, only 1 may exceed 12 inches.

**PURPOSE** Conform to standard trout management category.

FINAL REGULATIONS From the Maine/NewBrunswick boundary upstream to the Route 1 bridge in Houlton:

S-6 S-17

From August 16 to September 30: S-6; Total daily bag limit on salmon, trout and togue: 1 fish.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Raymond Pond** 

Caribou Aroostook Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: ??????????? ACTION TAKEN:

Private pond.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age.

S-19

**PURPOSE** Kids fishing pond under under signed lease agreement with the landowner.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age.

S-19

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Tote Road Pond and** 

tributaries and outlet Moro Planatation Aroostook Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0425 ACTION TAKEN:

S-5, S-19. Children 12 years of age and under may fish under the S-4 special regulation.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Children 12 years of age and under may fish under the S-4 special regulation.

**PURPOSE** remove youth exception to special regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS S-5, S-19

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

all lakes and ponds

various various Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: various ACTION TAKEN:

GENERAL LAW

**CURRENT** 

**REGULATIONS** Brown Trout: 12 inches-Lakes and Ponds\* \*; 6 inches- Rivers, Brooks, and Streams

Special Regulations: 14 inches on lakes and ponds in Hancock and Washington counties.

MODIFICATIONS: change general law minimum length limit to 14 inches. Delete Special Regulations: 14 inches on lakes and ponds in Hancock and Washington counties

**PURPOSE** regulation consistency among counties re minimum length limit on brown trout.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Brown Trout: 14 inches in Lakes and Ponds\* \*; 6 inches in Rivers, Brooks, and Streams.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

all lakes and ponds

various various Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: various ACTION TAKEN:

GENERAL LAW

**CURRENT** 

**REGULATIONS** Brown Trout: 12 inches-Lakes and Ponds\* \*; 6 inches- Rivers, Brooks, and Streams

Special Regulations: 14 inches on lakes and ponds in Hancock and Washington counties.

MODIFICATIONS: change general law minimum length limit to 14 inches. Delete Special Regulations: 14 inches on lakes and ponds in Hancock and Washington counties

**PURPOSE** regulation consistency among counties re minimum length limit on brown trout.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Brown Trout: 14 inches in Lakes and Ponds\* \*; 6 inches in Rivers, Brooks, and Streams.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

All lakes and ponds in the

counties listed below various Androscoggin, Ice Fishing IFW

Cumberland,

Kennebec, etc

WATERCODE: various ACTION TAKEN:

Brook Trout, minimum length limit 6 inches\*

**CURRENT** 

REGULATIONS \*On lakes and ponds in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and York Counties, the daily bag limit is 2

fish and the minimum length limit is 8 inches.

**MODIFICATIONS:** delete: "..minimum length limit is 8 inches"

**PURPOSE** reduce minimum length on brook trout from 8" to 6", reduce unnecessary regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS Brook Trout, minimum length limit 6 inches\*

\*On lakes and ponds in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and York Counties, the daily bag limit is 2

fish.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

All lakes and ponds in the

counties listed below various Androscoggin, Open Water IFW

Cumberland,

Kennebec, etc

WATERCODE: various ACTION TAKEN:

(General Law Section...Brook Trout, minimum length limit 6 inches\*)

**CURRENT** 

**REGULATIONS** \*On lakes and ponds in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and York Counties, the daily bag limit is 2

fish and the minimum length limit is 8 inches.

**MODIFICATIONS:** delete: "..minimum length limit is 8 inches"

PURPOSE reduce minimum length on brook trout from 8" to 6", reduce unnecessary regulations

FINAL REGULATIONS (General Law Section...Brook Trout, minimum length limit 6 inches\*)

\*On lakes and ponds in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and York Counties, the daily bag limit is 2

fish.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

All waters that have

prohibitions on the use of live various various various Open Water IFW

fish as bait

WATERCODE: various ACTION TAKEN:

currently there are no restrictions on storing live bait in Maine waters.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** add to General Law: live bait may not be stored in any water having a S-4, S-5, S-6 or other prohibitions on the use of live fish as bait

**PURPOSE** protect waters from the introduction of unwanted fish species

FINAL REGULATIONS Live bait may not be stored in any water having a S-4, S-5, S-6 or other prohibitions on the use of live fish as bait

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

All waters that have

prohibitions on the use of live various various Ice Fishing IFW

fish as bait

WATERCODE: various ACTION TAKEN:

currently there are no restrictions on storing live bait in Maine waters.

CURRENT REGULATIONS

**MODIFICATIONS:** add to General Law: live bait may not be stored in any water having a S-4, S-5, S-6 or other prohibitions on the use of live fish as bait.

**PURPOSE** protect waters from the introduction of other fish species

FINAL REGULATIONS Live bait may not be stored in any water having a S-4, S-5, S-6 or other prohibitions on the use of live fish as bait.

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WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

All waters that are open to ice

fishing from the time ice various various lce Fishing state

freezes in the fall through

March 31.

REGULATIONS

WATERCODE: various ACTION TAKEN:

A: Open to fishing for all fish except salmon, trout, togue and bass from the time ice forms in the fall until December 31; and then open to ice fishing for all

**CURRENT** fish from January 1 through March 31.

**MODIFICATIONS:** delete "except salmon, trout, togue and bass"

**PURPOSE** to provide for additional fishing opportunity by allowing the harvest of bass and salmonids in certain waters.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** A: Open to fishing for all fish from the time ice forms in the fall through March 31.

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